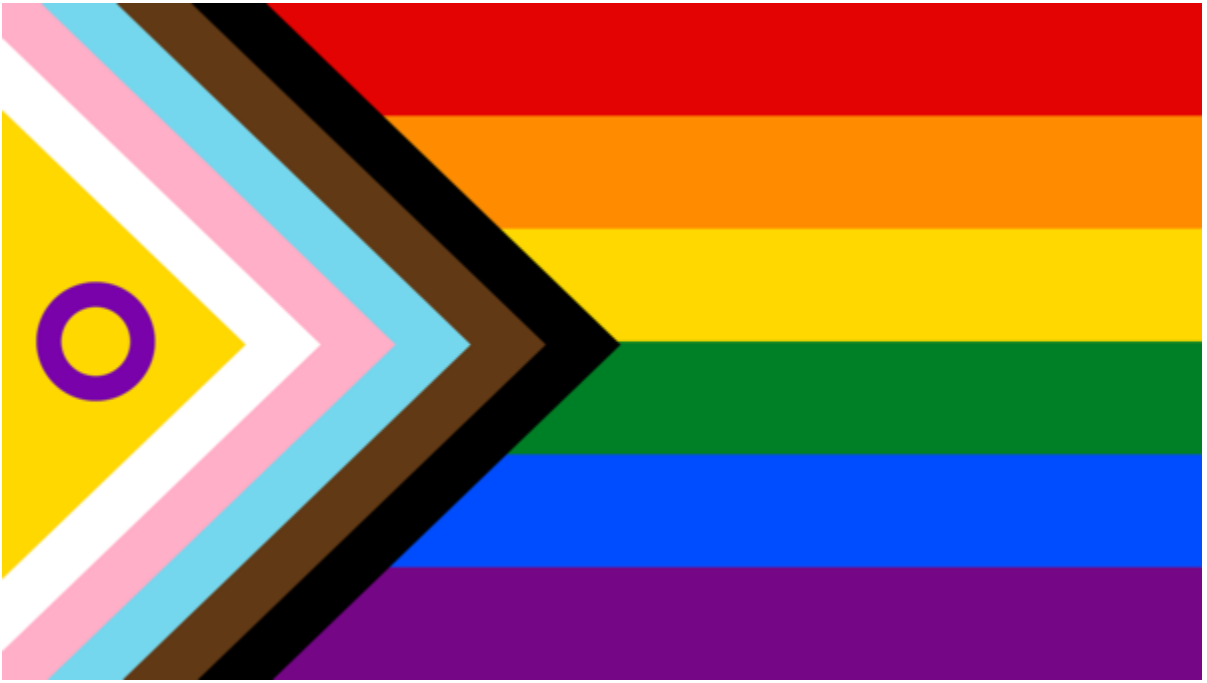
First United Church

June 9, 2024 10:30 a.m.

3rd Sunday after Pentecost



Purpose: Building Relationships,
Living God's Transforming Love.

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- **Is a request to stand in body or in spirit**

Prelude Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BuxWV 199 D. Buxtehude
(Come Holy Ghost, Lord God)

Listening as We Gather

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement Kate Markwart

ONE: We are bound on this land by relationships.
ALL: We are bound to God's creation and to one another.
ONE: Those relationships have benefitted this community.
ALL: Those relationships have blessed us and cost others.
ONE: We speak acknowledgement of our presence.
ALL: Our presence is at the expense of others.
ONE: We must learn to share, as God has shared with us. In this land of the Haldimand Tract, and upon the traditional territory of Chonnonton, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee people, we are bound to Indigenous neighbours and their fate.
ALL: Where we have failed in this relationship, forgive us and give us the wisdom to repair.
ONE: May we learn to live into our commitments to Truth and Reconciliation and to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and cast a better future for all.
Tony Snow, Indigenous Minister, Chinook Winds Region, Alta.

ONE: We aspire to create a safer space for everyone. We welcome you and the gifts you bring as part of your sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, race, cultural background, or abilities.

Opportunities for Ministry and Fellowship

- **Introit God Welcomes All**

- **Lighting the Christ Candle**

- **Call to Worship**

ONE: All you who delight in the Sacred Strange, come and worship the queer Creator.
ALL: Thanks be to God who blesses the peculiar and rejoices in the uniqueness of every body and being.
ONE: The Holy takes on flesh in every gender and sexual orientation, every race and ability, every body size and body type.
ALL: Each embodied difference is a unique glimpse of Holy Wonder.
ONE: Blessed are those who search for God among the lives of the oppressed, the betrayed, the turned-away, and the condemned.
ALL: Blessed are those who receive with joy the gifts of God enfleshed among us.
ONE: The Sacred is with us. Let us worship and be transformed.

- **Hymn God is Here** **VU 389**

Opening Prayer

Listening For God's Word

Family Choir: Let the Little Children Come — Steve Green
Even the Fish Obey Him — D. Goodman/K. Crane

The Story for the Young at Heart - Flowers are Red - Song by Harry Chapin

Scripture Readings 2nd Corinthians 4:5-12 (Reader: Nancy Lennox)

ONE: This is the witness of the Church.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139 (Reader: Nancy Lennox)

Gallery Choir: How Can I Keep from Singing Your Praise Tomlin, Cash, Redman; arr. L. Larson

Reflection: Faithfully Queer Rev. Jenn Hind

- **Hymn** My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138

Responding to God's Word

Time of Offering

Offertory Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Sacred Harp tune; arr. P. Keveren

- **Dedication of Offering** What Can I Do? MV 191

- **Prayer of Dedication**

Call to Prayer Come and Find the Quiet Centre, Vs 1 VU 374

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer *[New Zealand Prayer Book]*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

- **Sending Hymn** Go, Make q Diff'rence MV 209
- **Sending Forth and Benediction**
- **Benediction Response** Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen VU 974

Recession of the Light and Word

Postlude I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance) Arr. Mark Hayes